## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Livshits

Art Unit: 1652

Application No.: 09/847,392

Examiner: Rao

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Attorney Ref. No.: US-1250D1

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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop NON-FEE AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for response to the Office Action dated April 29, 2004, which set a 3-month shortened statutory period for reply, 3 month(s) to October 29, 2004.

The period for response has previously been extended to

Please charge our deposit account 50-3077 the requisite fees for this petition. Also, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, necessary to maintain pendancy of this application to the same deposit account,

Respectfully submitted,

By:

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